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Appeal Court Holds Oral Arguments for Riverside County High School Students

Riverside—The Court of Appeal for the Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, will hear oral arguments at Palm Desert High School on Thursday, May 26, 2005, as part of its new Outreach Plus Program, Presiding Justice Manuel A. Ramirez has announced.

The day's events will feature oral arguments starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. In addition, justices and members of the Desert Bar Association will team up and visit classrooms to promote public understanding of the California Courts of Appeal and their 100th anniversary (1905–2005). The teams also will encourage students to take advantage of career opportunities in the law by vigorously pursuing their educational goals.

That evening, the Desert Bar Association will host a reception starting at 8:00 p.m., to be attended by the justices and bar association members and guests, including local city and law enforcement officials. Also in attendance will be former Presiding Judge Douglas Miller, of the Superior Court of Riverside County, and other judges who will meet with selected students from the Palm Desert High School senior class and additional representatives from that school and the Desert Sands Unified School District.

The Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, hears appeals from the superior courts of Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Palm Desert High School Principal Patrick Walsh, Assistant Principal Todd Reed, and teacher Jeff Smith are responsible for planning Thursday's visit by the Court of Appeal. Desert Bar Association Education Coordinator Dawn Swajian planned the reception.

For more information, call Henry Espinoza, Assistant Clerk/Administrator, at 951-248-0200.